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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO

1. ON APRIL 1, THE GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS ASSISTANT, THE HEAD OF THE WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, A PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVISER AND THE GOVERNOR'S SON, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG AT THE GOVERNOR'S REQUEST. THE GOVERNOR REITERATED HIS VIEWS THAT ONLY STATEHOOD OR INDEPENDENCE ARE ACCEPTABLE "FINAL" STATUSES FOR PUERTO RICO AND REJECTED ANY "OUTSIDE INTERVENTION" IN PUERTO RICAN AFFAIRS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT ELECTIONS IN PUERTO RICO ARE FREE AND WITH A LARGE VOTER TURNOUT. HE CONTINUED THAT BECAUSE OF HIS WELL-KNOWN PUBLIC POSITION ON PUERTO RICO, HE WOULD HAVE TO "RESPOND DIFFERENTLY" TO COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) ACTION THAN HAD HIS PREDECESSOR. HE LATER EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS REFERRING TO A POSSIBLE APPEARANCE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE IF IT WERE TO INVITE HIM AND IF THE USG APPROVED APPEARANCE. ANOTHER POSSIBLE FORM OF REACTION, HE SAID, WOULD BE A LETTER COMMENTING ON ANY C-24 DECISION.

2. YOUNG CITED THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT THAT HE WILL
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SUPPORT WHATEVER STATUS THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO DESIRE AND ADDED THAT IT IS UP TO THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE WHEN TO HOLD A PLEBISCITE. THE GOVERNOR AGREED BUT SAID THIS IS NOT THE MOMENT TO DECIDE. YOUNG SAID THAT OUR PROBLEM WITH THE COMMITTEE OF 24 IN THE PAST FEW YEARS HAD BEEN THAT WE HAD NOT GOTTEN INVOLVED WITH THE COMMITTEE BUT THAT WE

NOW ENJOY "GOOD RELATIONS" WITH IT IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR EFFORTS TO TAKE A NEW APPROACH TO THE UNITED NATIONS. HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE UN HAD PICKED ON ISRAEL AND PUERTO RICO BECAUSE OF FRUSTRATION THAT THE US WAS NOT TAKING THE UN SERIOUSLY AND EMPHASIZED THAT WE ARE NOW WORKING WITH THE UN ON MATTERS WHICH IT IS CONCERNED ABOUT--SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT AS MUCH TROUBLE WITH PUERTO RICO IN THE C-24 THIS YEAR.

3. THE GOVERNOR SUGGESTED THAT IF WE DEEMED IT ADVANTAGEOUS FOR COMMITTEE OF 24 PERM REPS TO VISIT PUERTO RICO, THE COMMONWEALTH WOULD BE HAPPY TO HOST SUCH VISITS AND SUGGESTED A GROUP OF SEVEN. MISOFF POINTED OUT THAT HE BELIEVED UNA FUNDING FOR TRAVEL IS STILL AVAILABLE. YOUNG SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INVITE A C-24 GROUP COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS. HE ASKED IF THE GOVERNOR WOULD HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY IF WE INVITED THE CUBAN PERM REP. THE GOVERNOR REPLIED THAT IT MIGHT CAUSE TROUBLE WITH CUBAN EXILES IN PUERTO RICO, AND ONE OF HIS AIDES DOUBTED THAT ALARCON WOULD ACCEPT. MISOFF POINTED OUT THAT ANY INVITATION EXTENDED ONLY TO C-24 PERM REPS MIGHT BE TAKEN TO IMPLY US RECOGNITIONS OF THE COMMITTEE'S COMPETENCE TO CONSIDER PUERTO RICO AND RECOMMENDED INCLUDING NON-C-24 PERM REPS. YOUNG THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INVITE C-24 CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA) AND SUGGESTED HE MIGHT ACCOMPANY HIM TO
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PUERTO RICO. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF THE US WERE TO INVITE THE PRESIDENT OF TANZANIA TO MAKE A STATE VISIT IN THE COMING MONTHS.
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